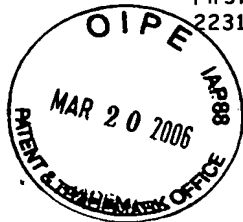


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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006 subjecting Claims 22-29 to Restriction in the above-identified patent application.

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 22-24, drawn to a mass spectrometer, classified in class 250, subclass 287.

Group II: Claims 25-29, drawn to a method of assembling a multi dynode device, classified in class 313, subclass 103CM.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the Group I set of claims (22-24) without traverse.

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